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. Since the end of the war, the State Forests Administration has been conducting an intensive campaign against insect pests, especially "kornik-drukarz" [Coleoptera, probably *myelophilus pinniperda*], found in nearly all of Poland's spruce forests. The energetic measures taken in 1946-48 have checked the harmful effects of these insects and prevented a major calamity.

The fight against "barczatka-sosnowka," a wood-boring caterpillar threatening pine trees, has also registered good results. The Forestry Research Institute has recently discovered a new birdlime for caterpillars far superior to those previously imported.

One of the largest insecticidal programs ever undertaken in the history of Polish forestry was that against tent caterpillars (*Acantholyda nemoralis*). These insects threaten forests extending over thousands of hectares in Krakow, Slask, and Lodz wojewodztwos. The infested areas were dusted by aircraft with calcium arsenate. The Ministry for Forestry provided six double-engine transport aircraft. The dusting campaign started in 1948 and will continue until completely satisfactory results are obtained. In 1949, 600 tons of calcium arsenate were used for dusting operations. Since the larva of tent caterpillars survive 2 years in the soil, 3 years are needed for complete extermination.

Air-borne dusting will be used in 1950 against another harmful insect, the liparis monacha, which has been causing great damage to pine trees in mountain forests.

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